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### MISSION STATEMENT

**“As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the Mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system.”**

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

#### Minutes

**THURSDAY, June 23, 2011**

#### Members Present

Bull, R.N., Pat – American Red Cross  
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – California Hospital Association  
Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators  
Fisher, Chief Gary – S.D. Co. Fire District Association  
Forman, R.N., Kelly – County Paramedic Agencies  
Green, R.N., Katy – District One  
Jacoby, M.D., Jake – District Four  
Marugg, Jim – S.D. Co. Paramedics’ Association  
Pfohl, Bob – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs’ Association  
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association  
Salazar, Sgt. Stanley – Law Enforcement Agencies

#### Vacant

Binational EMCC  
San Diego Emergency Physicians’ Society  
League of California Cities  
S.D. County Medical Society

#### Members Absent

Cerny, Barbara – District Three  
Fried, Bruce – District Five  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District Two

#### Guests Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – RCCP/AMR  
Cardenus, Claudia – Pacific Ambulance  
Rice, Mike – S.D. Co. Ambulance Assoc.

#### County Staff

Buttron, Patrick  
Metz, R.N., Marcy – Chief EMS

#### Recorder

Wolchko, Janet I.

### I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Marugg, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

There were no public speakers.

## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion was made by Kelly Forman, seconded by Melody Dotson to approve the March 24, 2011 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.**

## **IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Prehospital/Hospital (Melody Dotson, R.N.)**

Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee discussed offload delays. AMR, who is part of “First Watch”, will provide data to the bases and hospitals on offload delays.

Three policies were reviewed at the June 9, 2011 Subcommittee meeting:

S-019, Cardiovascular Advisory Committee (CAC)

S-020, Designation of a Cardiovascular “STEMI” Receiving Center (SRC)

S-021, De-Designation of a Cardiovascular “STEMI” Receiving Center

Changes were made to the policy dates and the County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services title.

**A motion was made by Melody Dotson to approve Policies S-019, S-020 and S-021. Motion carried.**

### **B. Education and Research**

No report.

### **C. Disaster Operations**

No report.

## **V. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT (Marcy Metz, R.N., Chief EMS)**

**The 2011 Policy/Procedure** and Treatment Guidelines have been distributed. Training is underway for implementation of those protocols on July 1, 2011. The guidelines added clarification regarding Lidocaine, Amiodarone and external pacing.

The 2011 Policy/Procedure and Treatment Guidelines were discussed and reviewed at the Base Station Physicians’ Committee (BSPC) meeting on June 21, 2011. If you have questions regarding protocol changes, contact Susan Smith or Dr. Haynes.

**Pertussis:** Children entering 7-12 grades this year are required to have a Tdap booster.

**Measles:** There have been a number of measles cases. Some of the cases were reported with persons who have travelled to Europe or Asia and with the people they came in contact with.

**The Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT)** gave a presentation at BSPP. Discussion was on 5150 patients and designated LPS (psychiatric care) hospitals and facilities. Hospital emergency staff may use the 24 hour hold if they have issues with 5150 patients.

**Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) forms and POLST forms** are to clarify the patients advanced directive as to resuscitation, power of attorney for health care and patient decisions if they should become incapacitated. Information on the forms will make patient requests and treatment more clearly for the field providers.

**ALS transports:** Data on the number of patients who bypassed the requested hospital, and percentage of patients bypassed per hospital was reflect in the June 2011 Medical Director's' Update.

## **VI. EMS STAFF REPORT (Marcy Metz, R.N., Chief EMS)**

### **EMS Commission**

The EMS Commission met yesterday and received approval of the California Department of Public Health Manual. The manual links the California Disaster Medical Operations Manual (CDMOM) and the Public Health Document (PHD).

Jim Marugg reported that during the "Fire Scope" EMS meeting they reviewed Chapter 15 of the field operations guide which deals with Mass Casualty Incidents. Chapter 15 will be sent out to the constituent groups for a 30 day review and will go to the "Fire Scope" task force and to field operations for approval.

Linda Broyles reported that there will be a local Commission meeting in September in San Diego and December in San Francisco. Draft regulations will be out for public comment in two to three weeks and will include EMT and EMR regulations. The Paramedic Regulations will be out in four weeks and will include a section for Critical Care Transport (CCT) Paramedics and Advanced Care Paramedics.

### **Advanced EMTs**

There was an inquiry regarding active Advanced EMT's in the area and if anyone had expressed an interest in the training. Most of the Advanced EMT position interests are in Northern California, the Central Valley and in rural areas. San Diego County training programs are reviewing the Advanced EMT curriculum.

### **AB210**

Currently there is no update on AB210, the Emergency Medical Services Bill. The Senate hearing is next week on June 29, 2011.

### **STEMI Transports**

Dr. Jacoby asked if EMS has statistics on STEMI transports at hospitals in the County. Marcy Metz, EMS Chief, responded that EMS has aggregate reports on STEMI transports.

Numbers from each of the hospitals are presented at the Cardiac Advisory Committee. Times are also tracked through the EMS Cardiac Advisory Committee which meets quarterly. A presentation can be added as an agenda item for an upcoming EMCC meeting.

### **EMCC Bylaws**

There was an article in the Union Tribune regarding the Board of Supervisors' County Advisory Committees and the number of open seats. The Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) was one of the committees listed as having numerous unfilled seats. The EMCC bylaws and specifically the list of organization and technical members should be reviewed to make them more current. Changes and review of the EMCC bylaws are done through the Disaster/Operations Subcommittee. There was discussion regarding the procedure for adding an agency or organization to the list and the procedure for making changes to the bylaws.

**Action: A motion was made by Kelly Forman to bring the bylaws for review to the Disaster Operations Subcommittee. Motion carried.**

**EMS Remodel:** The EMS building remodel is completed. There are TV monitors installed in Conference Room A which will allow the Conference Room to be used as an alternative backup location and/or an additional area for the Department Operations Center.

**HHS Administration Move:** The HHS administrative building on 1700 Pacific Highway is scheduled to be demolished. Many of the HHS staff has been relocated to the Rosecrans facility. Future EMCC meetings can be conducted at the EMS office Conference Room A, or a conference room at Rosecrans can be reserved for the meetings. The committee agreed to meet at EMS.

**iQCS** is undergoing aggressive testing. Testing will continue through July. Currently there is no release date.

**American Red Cross:** Pat Bull, R.N. added that the American Red Cross (ARC) will be moving toward working within the scope of their license. Ms. Bull will meet with Marcy Metz to discuss the EMT scope of practice.

## **VII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at Emergency Medical Services, 6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Submitted by

Janet I. Wolchko, Administrative Secretary  
County Emergency medical Services